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1. DURING MEETING WITH SHAIKH ZAYID OCTOBER 2, AT WHICH SHAIKH ZAYID'S OLDER SON, C.P. KHALIFA WAS PRESENT, I MENTIONED AVAILABILITY OF SLOT FOR HIS YOUNGER SON, SHAIKH SULTAN, AT ADVANCED INFANTRY COURSE STARTING NEXT MARCH. (I POINTED OUT THAT TRAINING COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED AFTER OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD EXCHANGED NOTES PUTTING INTO EFFECT FMS AGREEMENT.) SHAIKH ZAYID EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MAKING THIS OPENING AVAILABLE, BUT SAID HE BELIEVED THAT SHAIKH SULTAN AT THIS POINT WOULD BE MORE INTERESTED IN A STAFF COURSE IF SUCH WERE AVAILABLE. SHAIKH ZAYID SAID HE ALSO FELT THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TRAINING TO ROUND OUT SHAIKH SULTAN'S MILITARY EXPERIENCE. SHAIKH KALIFA SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE SULTAN (WHO IS PRESENTLY FINISHING MILITARY TRAINING COURSE IN PAKISTAN) TO ASCERTAIN HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCES. C.P. CONFIRMED TO ME NEXT DAY HE HAD TALKED WITH SULTAN AND THAT IT WAS STAFF COURSE THAT SULTAN WAS MOST INTERESTED IN. SULTAN WILL FINISH HIS PRESENT TRAINING IN PAKISTAN IN ABOUT ONE MONTH, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ANYTIME THEREAFTER.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DOD/ISA TO EXPLORE WHETHER WE COULD OFFER SHAIKH SULTAN STAFF TRAINING COURSE IN NEAR FUTURE. IS FT. LEAVENWORTH COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR? I HOPE WE CAN BE RESPONSIVE, SINCE SHAIKH SULTAN IS OBVIOUSLY BEING GROOMED FOR PROMINENT ROLE IN UAE MILITARY, QUITE POSSIBLY AT SOME POINT TO REPLACE HIS OLDER BROTHER AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ADDF. SULTAN IS REPORTEDLY BRIGHT AND ALERT, AND HAS DONE WELL IN HIS OTHER TRAINING

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